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1.(C) Deputy Political Counselor met with Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) DRC Desk Officer G. Warnich on March 3 regarding India's planned withdrawal from MONUC (Ref A). Warnich said he would discuss this development with South African military authorities to determine what action might be appropriate for Pretoria. Warnich was reluctant to assure us that South Africa would try to persuade India to maintain its presence in DRC, and he even suggested that the withdrawal might be manageable and was not unexpected.

2.(C) Comment: DFA's lack of urgency is surprising given that South African troops are deployed in North Kivu. The short-staffed DFA Great Lakes operation continues to tread water between the departure of the former Great Lakes Special Envoy and the expected arrival of his replacement.
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